

Smith Women's Pairs Special Conditions of Contest

The General Conditions of Contest (CoC) for Pairs events will apply to this event, subject to the following special CoC. These conditions are in addition to, or supersede, the General CoC for Pairs. These CoC may not be changed during the course of this event.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Smith Women's Pairs will consist of pairs of female paid ACBL members.

CONVENTIONS

Bidding and carding methods permitted, restricted or not permitted in this event are per the ACBL Open+ Convention Chart.

SCORING AND PLAY

1. This event will consist of four sessions: two qualifying and two final.
2. Approximately 50%, but in no case less than 40%, of the field will qualify for the two final sessions. The Director-in-Charge (DIC) may choose to qualify more pairs, e.g. in the case of a small initial entry. Ties for the last qualifying position will be broken as per ACBL regulation.
3. There will be a carryover from the qualifying sessions to the final. The carryover will be calculated as per ACBL regulations, but the spread from top to bottom can be no greater than four boards.
4. For purposes of qualifying or for determining final overall ranking, any fraction of a matchpoint difference will be sufficient separation.
5. The DIC is permitted to combine as many sections as logical for scoring. Qualification of contestants for subsequent stages shall be based on overall standing in the entire field, regardless of section or direction.
6. Regarding any of the above or any of the General CoC, the decision of the DIC shall be final.